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PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE.

THE Fifty-fifth Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was begun and held in the town of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, December, 14–20, 1870. Bishop David S. Doggett, presiding.

The following clerical members were present during the session, viz: John G. Jones, William H. Watkins, Andrew Day, Erastus R. Strickland, Henry J. Harris, Joseph Nicholson, James L. Forsyth, Henderson H. Montgomery, John B. Bowen, Franklin W. Sharbrough, Robert A. Sibley, James A. Godfrey, Archibald B. Nicholson, John A. B. Jones, James H. Shelton, John W. Adams, Ephraim A. Flowers, John J. Clark, Whitfield Harrington, David W. Dillehay, Josiah M. Pugh, Elisha F. Mullins, Charles K. Marshall, John D. Willis, William G. Millsaps, Benjamin Jones, George F. Thompson, Richard Abbey, Thomas Price, Henry P. Lewis, George Jackson, Jno. A. Vance, Jarrott W. McNeil, Charles G. Andrews, William B. Lewis, Newton B. Young, William Finn, Philip S. Petty, Louis Kendall, Harvey F. Johnson, Edwin H. Mounger, Ira B. Robertson, George W. Boyls, Walter W. Hurst, David Merchant, William L. C. Hunnicutt, John D. Hays, Corydon Chamberlin, Thomas W. Flowers, Willis H. Germany, Robert B. Downer, Thomas Nixon, Francis M. Williams, John A. Ellis, Leonidas R. Redding, William E. M. Linfield, Francis, M. Featherston, Parmenas Howard, Andrew B. Stewart, John W. Harmon, Robert A. Davis, Julius T. Curtiss, Levi P. Meador, Alexander M. Campbell. George M. Liverman, Joshua T. Heard, William Spillman, James Shanks, John C. Brogan, Wm. H. Leith, James M. Gann, Bascom T. Pearson, Charles B. Galloway, George Bright, Henry P. Bowen, John C. Carlyle.

Lay Members from the several Districts were present and participated in the proceedings as follows, viz: J. E. Jagers, E. S. Drake, Thomas Reid, William J. Seale, James E. Watts, Irvin Miller, William A. Moore, Isaac M. Applewhite, J. D. Terrell, J. W. Williams, W. C. Warren, Isaac V. Enochs, Levi Godbold, John McVea, Josiah Nettles, John T. Cameron, John W. Hall, T. S. West, T. P. Bell.

C. G. Andrews, J. A. B. Jones and John T. Cameron, were elected Secretaries.

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The hours of 9 A. M., and 1 P. M., were fixed as the time of meeting and adjournment.

Committees were appointed on the various interests of the Church as follows, viz:

On Public Worship—G. F. Thompson, W. B. Hines, W. C. Chamberlin.

On Education—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, Benj. Jones, J. Nettles, R. D. Howe.

On Sunday Schools—John McVea, J. H. Shelton, W. C. Dowd, F. M. Williams, J. T. Curtiss.

On Bible Cause—E. H. Mounger, Andrew Day, A. B. Stewart, J. E. Jagers, W. C. Dowd.

On Religious Literature—H. H. Montgomery, W. H. Leith, W. B. Lewis, L. K. Barber, G. W. Harper.

On Missions—J. A. Ellis, Thos. Reid, J. L. Forsyth, E. S. Drake, Irvin Miller.

On Memoirs—J. G. Jones, C. G. Andrews, W. H. Watkins, H. J. Harris, W. A. Moore, S. L. Guice.

Bishop Keener was present several days of the session, assisting the presiding Bishop, and advocating the interests of Centenary College.

Rev. Dr. McFerrin, Missionary Secretary, was present attending to the duties of his office.

Revs. Dr. Walker and R. J. Harp, were also present, representing the claims of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and the New Orleans Branch of the Publishing House.

Communications from the Publishing House at Nashville, and from the Trustees and visitors of the various Conference Schools were received and refcrred to appropriate committees.

Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the regular examination of character.

First Question—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer—William J. Seale, from Philadelphia Circuit; John Wesley Sandell, from Magnolia Circuit; Thomas B. Walden, from Martinsville Circuit; David P. Bradford, from Greensburg Circuit; Hiram Rives Singleton, from Jackson, La; Peter Wilson Cram, from East Feliciana Circuit; John W. Hall, from Sulphur Springs Circuit; Alexander Trotter, from Clarke and Shubuta Circuit; Daniel G. W. Ellis, from DeKalb Circuit; George M. Gilmore from Clarke and Shubuta Circuit; James G. Parker, from Marion Circuit.

Second Question—Who remain on trial?

Answer—David A. Givens, James M. Weems, Lyman Carley, Jacob H. Holland, George W. Chatfield, Ulysses P. Philips.

Question Third—Who are discontinued?

Answer—William K. Simmons, Robert B. Seeders.

Question Fourth—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer—Henry P. Bowen, John C. Carlyle in Elder's orders.

Question Fifth—Who are re-admitted?

Answer—John Lusk, Thos. Y. Armstrong, Horace M. Booth, Henry T. Jones, Seaborn R. Hyde, Robert D. Norsworthy.

Question Sixth—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer—James M. Gann, from the North Alabama; Bascom T. Pearson, from the Illinois; Charles B. Galloway, from the North Mississippi; George Bright from the St. Louis.

Question Seventh—Who are the Deacons of one year?

Answer—Levi P. Meador, Epaphroditus W. Simmons, Alexander M. Campbell, Charles B. Galloway.

Question Eighth—What traveling Preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—Henry P. Bowen, Lyman Carley.

Question Ninth—What traveling Preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—Henry P. Bowen, Lyman Carley.

Question Tenth—What local Preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—Calvin C. Watkins, Benjamin D. Sellers, Thomas King.

Question Eleventh—What local Preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—Jephthah S. Collins, Benjamin D. Sellers, Thomas King.

Question Twelfth—What traveling Preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—Robert A. Davis, Parmenas Howard.

Question Thirteenth—What traveling Preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—Robert A. Davis, Parmenas Howard.

Question Fourteenth—What local Preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—Samuel D. Terry, Noah F. Mitchell, Thomas S. West, Benjamin A. Beason.

Question Fifteenth—What local Preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—Noah F. Mitchell, Thomas S. West, Benjamin A. Beason.

Question Sixteenth—Who are located this year?

Answer—Daniel A. J. Parker, Thomas M. Ward, Christopher R. Godfrey, Charles K. Marshall, John C. Carlyle, Willis H. Germany, Charles T. French, Elisha F. Mullins.

Question Seventeenth—Who are supernumerary?

Answer—Leonidas R. Redding, Jarrott W. McNeil, Jas. K. Hamblen, Philip S. Petty, John G. Jones, Ransom J. Jones, Sr., John B. Bowen.

Question Eighteenth—Who are superannuated?

Answer—Barnabas Pipkin, Thomas Clinton, George T. Vickers, John G. Deskin, John B. Higginbotham, Levi Pearce, Hervey Copeland.

Question Nineteenth—What Preachers have died during the year?

Answer—James Maclennan, William Winans Drake, Richard H. Herbert, Burwell B. Whittington, Ulysses L. Thompson, John H. Massey died previously.

Memoir of Rev. John H. Massey.

The following brief memoir of the Rev. John H. Massey will appear quite out of its natural place as to time. But this is unavoidable. Brother Massey was a superannuated member of the Mississippi Conference, and in 1862, and in the midst of the war disappeared from our midst, and had been dead five years before we could ascertain the fact, and the time of his death. He was the son of pious parents, and was born in Greenville District, South Carolina, October 25, 1801. As a result of his correct religious training, he was converted in the fourteenth year of his age, and he became a cheerful and happy christian. When he attained to manhood he sensibly felt and acknowledged it to be his duty to preach the gospel. He was licensed to preach in 1823, and in January, 1824, he was admitted on trial, in the South Carolina Conference, in a class of twelve, including the great and good Stephen Olin. From this period he traveled and labored zealously, acceptably and successfully on a variety of circuits and missions until 1837, except two years in which he sustained a local relation. From 1837 to 1855 he was again local, but continued to preach as he was able in various parts of South Carolina and Florida. In 1855 he came to Mississippi, and, in the fall of that year, he was re-admitted into the Mississippi Conference, and continued to labor efficiently and usefully, until the latter part of 1860, when on account of his advanced age, and failing health, he was placed on the superannuated list. In 1860 he left Mississippi, and intended to settle for life near Hamburg, Louisiana, but the Federal army coming into his vicinity, he retired into Texas, and while passing through Newton county, on a business trip, he was taken quite ill at the house of a venerable christian man, by the name of William McMahon, and after lingering about nine days, passed away in great peace, and in the full assurance of a happy future, only regretting that he could not see his beloved wife and three children, to give them his parting blessing, and exhort them to meet him in heaven.

He died April 5, 1864. Brother Massey was a man of holiness of heart and life. His christian and ministerial example was worthy of imitation. Five months after his death, sister Massey, also, passed away from earth, to join her husband in the spirit land.

J. G. JONES.

Memoir of Rev. Burwell B. Whittington.

Burwell B. Whittington was born in Bullock county, Georgia, August 1, 1819, and died in Hinds county, Mississippi, November —, 1870.

In the absence of other sources the writer avails himself of such information concerning a deceased brother as has been furnished by brief notes taken (as she says) "from an account kept since my earliest recollections," by a surviving daughter. This may properly be styled a memoir written by the daughter of an honored Minister of Christ. In this point of view, it is alike monumental to the wholesome influence of his life upon his own household, and creditable to the filial sentiment of a child, who from early youth felt so lively an interest in the labors and sacrifices of her father, in his holy vocation; she says:

"My father was born in Bullock county, Georgia, on the 1st of August, 1819, and came with his parents to Mississippi when quite young. In his nineteenth or twentieth year he professed conversion, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and soon afterward was licensed to preach.

"In the winter of 1843 he joined the Alabama Conference. On the 4th day of December, of the following year, he was married to my mother, then Miss Eliza C. Evans, of Washington county, Alabama.

"He located in 1819, and in the fall of 1851 was re-admitted into the Mississippi Conference, and appointed to the Paulding Circuit."

Bro. Whittington's subsequent appointments, including his transfer for one year to the Ouachita Conference, are to be found in the General Minutes, and need not be repeated here. He filled successively the office of Circuit Preacher and Presiding Elder, with acceptability, up to the Conference of 1869, when he was forced, by failing health, to take a superannuated relation. He spent most of the year 1870 on the seashore at Pascagoula, Biloxi, Handsboro', etc., by which means his health was measurably improved.

As the Conference session approached he came to the neighborhood of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, where the Conference was to convene, and where he had many friends, intending to spend a few weeks with a married daughter and other friends. Although he had by no means regained his health, still he spoke of taking an appointment, and bought a horse for the purpose. The preparation for life and work proved the means of his death. He was thrown from his horse before he had ridden him one mile, and received an injury which hastened his death. After lingering some two or three weeks, Bro. Whittington died at the house of his son-in-law, ——— Irvin, Esq., of Hinds county, Mississippi. His daughter says, appropriately, "As he was known to many of our Ministers for a number of years, it is unnecessary to say anything as to his character as a christian Minister. But to his children alone are known his many virtues, and the bright and noble example of his piety. Although he suffered greatly in his last moments, and at times could not speak audibly, yet his theme was assurance of preparation for death, and he spoke confidently of soon meeting our dear mother, who had preceded him to heaven nearly two years before. He closed his eyes and died without a struggle."

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

H. J. HARRIS.

Memoir of Rev. James Maclennan.

The Rev. James Maclennan was a native of Scotland, and came to this country in early manhood. He was classically educated, and had a thoroughly trained mind. His natural and acquired abilities were such as to guarantee success in whatever undertaking he chose.

He was raised up in the bosom of the established Church of Scotland, and believed fully all its doctrines. So literally and sincerely was her creed of election and predestination credited, that he gave himself no concern about his personal salvation, thinking, as he said, that if he was to be saved, it would all be brought about in God's good time.

During a revival of religion in Pontotoc, Mississippi, a remark of a friend was blessed of God to his awakening. She was urging the necessity of immediate attention to religion, he replying by presenting his Calvinistic view.

Just before separating from him, she remarked: "If your creed be right and mine wrong, I lose nothing; I am saved; but if mine be right and yours wrong, I am saved, also; but you lose everything." It was like a nail in a sure place, and resulted in his conversion.

Soon after attaching himself to the church, he felt it to be his duty to preach the Gospel. He was engaged at the time as an officer in the Bank at Jackson. The friends of the Bank appreciating his excellent business qualifications, did their utmost to retain his services, but he resisted their importunities, and joined the Mississippi Conference, December 3d, 1840.

He took position at once in the Conferenee on account of his educational advantages, his very first appointment being Jackson Station. His second appointment was to the Lake Washington country, on the Mississippi river. In 1849 he was elected Secretary to the Conference. From 1850 to 1852 he was local.

In 1857 he was located without his consent and in spite of his earnest remonstrance. He urged that the proceeding was unjust and illegal. His opinion was proved to be correct, as his appeal to the General Conference was sustained, and he was restored to his position, having, in the conduct of his appeal, made reputation for himself as a constitut'onal jurist and pleader.

In 1863, '4, '5 and '6, he was Presiding Elder of the Greenville District. In 1865 he was elected a Delegate to the General Conference, and occupied his seat in that body, at the session held in New Orleans, in the spring of 1866. At the time of his death he was supernumerary on the Lake Lee and Leota Circuit.

Bro. Maclennan was a man of strong character, and of a persistent determination to do what he thought right, though all the world should oppose him. As a natural consequence, such traits of character often brought him in contact with fierce opposition, and sore trials, thus saddening much of the latter part of his life.

It is confidently believed, by those who knew him best, that his intentions were always good. He was a simple-hearted christian, dearly loved the Church of his choice, and literally laid his life a living sacrifice upon her altars.

His death, which occurred in Greenville. Mississippi, in the latter part of the winter of 1870, was peaceful and triumphant. His last moments were soothed by the ministrations of kind brethren and faithful friends.

C. G. ANDREWS.

NOTE.—The Obituaries of W. W. Drake, R. H. Herbert, and U. L. Thompson, have not been furnished the Committee up to date. If they arrive before the printing is completed, they will be published at the close of the proceedings.

Question Twentieth—Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer—Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Question Twenty-first—What is the number of Local Preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

STATISTICAL REPORT.

APPOINTMENTS.	White Members.	Col'd Members.	Local Preach'rs.	Adults Baptised.	Infants Baptis'd.	Sunday Schools.	Superintendents and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library	Visitors' Taken.	Monies Expended.	No. Churches.	No. Sittings.	Churches, Value of.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.	Value.
WOODVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Woodville Station,	50	1	2	....	2	1	8	40	600	30	.....	1	200	$ 5,000	1	$ 2,500	...	.....
Percy's Creek,	99	....	....	3	8	1	9	52	240	25	$ 50 00	2	.....	1,500	..	... ..	....	.....
St. Helena,	83	10	....	1	....	3	9	50	200	.....	.....	3	800	1,500	..	.....	....	.....
Wilkinson,	372	....	1	50	43	6	16	96	442	12	26 00	7	2000	4,750	1	1,200	lot.	$ 1,000
Buffalo,	132	....	1	5	7	1	1	23	50	....	.....	5	700	4,500	1	1,100	....	.....
Liberty,	133	....	1	22	2	2	17	130	.....	12	10 00	2	700	1,500	..	.....	....	.....
Meadville,	110	....	....	10	....	2	6	40	200	16	.....	4	800	1,200	..	.....	....	1,300
Homochitto Mission,	25	....	....	25	....	1	1	13	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	..	.....	....	.....
Amite,	143	2	...	....	..	....	....	...	.....	....	.....	2	1000	1,000	..	.....	...	225
Total,	1147	13	5	116	62	17	67	444	1732	95	$ 86 00	26	6200	$ 20,950	3	$ 4,800		$ 1,238
VICKSBURG DISTRICT.																		
Vicksburg Station,	168	....	1	....	14	1	26	130	1200	100	$ 260 00	1	70	$ 17,000	1	$ 4,100	lot,	2,500
North Warren,	230	....	4	25	8	3	17	75	250	40	30 00	2	300	1,000	1	1,000	lots,	250
South Warren,	60	....	1	....	7	1	....	....	50	....	.....	3	255	3,000	..	.....	...	.....
Cayuga,	251	...	1	61	28	1	7	35	130	26	50 00	5	1050	7,500	..	.....	....	.....
Rocky Springs,	100	...	1	....	....	1	5	30	100	22	45 00	3	750	6,000	..	.....	....	.....
Port Gibson Station,	103	....	....	1	6	1	8	60	490	30	60 00	1	550	16,000	..	.....	f'nd	1,060
Grand Gulf and Rodney,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	..	.....	....	.....
Fayette,	323	....	6	....	12	3	15	112	450	35	.....	7	1650	13,500	1	1,200	....	.....
Natchez,	157	....	2	2	11	1	15	113	200	102	40 00	....	.....	.....	..	.....	....	17,000
Kingston,	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	300	....	.....	1	250	5,000	..	.....	....	.....
Total,	1405	....	16	89	86	12	93	555	3170	355	$ 485 00	23	5505	$ 69,000	3	$ 6,300		$20,810

APPOINTMENTS.	White Members.	Col'd Members.	Local Preach'rs.	Adults Baptis'd.	Infants Baptis'd,	Sunday Schools.	Superintend'nts and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library	Visitors Taken.	Monies Expended.	No. Churches...	No. Sittings...	Churches, Value of.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.	Value.....
YAZOO DISTRICT.																		
Yazoo Station,	102	....	1	1	3	1	10	50	350	....	$ 50 00	1	600	$ 8,000	1	$ 3,000	....	$
Yazoo Circuit,	317	....	2	24	21	4	28	134	395	26	28 15	4	165	5,000	....	....	ch.	2,000
Mount Olivet,	222	....	2	15	28	2	8	30	250	33	16 00	3	650	5,500	....	....	....	2,500
Lower Deer Creek,	24	....	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	150	800	....	....	....	.....
Clover Hill,	35	....	....	2	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Carthage,	100	....	1	3	2	....	....	....	....	15	....	6	900	1,500	....	....	....	.....
Total,	800		7	46	61	7	46	214	995	74	$ 94 15	15	3950	$ 20,800	1	$ 3,000		$ 2,025
BRANDON DISTRICT.																		
Brandon Station,	87	....	....	....	5	1	9	85	300	....	$ 100 00	....	....	....	....	....	lot,	$ 3,000
Brandon Circuit,	240	....	3	....	3	3	10	100	70	2	....	4	1000	$ 6,050	....	....	....	.....
Hillsboro,	282	....	4	5	10	2	16	150	400	....	23 00	4	1000	2,500	....	....	....	.....
Trenton,	261	....	3	15	11	3	12	60	100	9	45 00	5	1200	1,500	1	500	lot,	2,000
Walnut Grove,	469	8	10	27	7	1	8	70	300	25	57 50	4	1000	2,500	....	....	....	.....
Forest,	120	....	....	11	23	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Sylvarena,	278	....	1	3	4	1	1	....	....	....	....	4	600	....	....	....	....	.....
Paulding,	356	..	3	4	16	1	6	60	....	....	....	4	1200	2,000	1	50	....	.....
Garlandsville,	182	....	2	22	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	1000	2,000	....	....	....	.....
Decatur,	69	....	....	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	250	300	....	....	lot,	50
Philadelphia,	232	40	1	30	23	3	13	75	100	6	24 00	7	800	1,000	....	....	....	.....
Total,	2576	48	27	121	111	15	75	600	1270	42	$ 249 50	38	8050	$ 17,850	2	$ 550		$ 5,050
MOUNT CARMEL DISTRICT.																		
Mount Carmel Circuit,	352	150	1	47	37	1	5	25	125	12	12 00	6	2500	$ 2,000	....	....	....	.....
Rankin,	432	5	6	22	45	2	12	120	200	....	....	7	300	1,400	....	....	....	.....
Columbia Mission,	272	3	1	52	21	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	500	1,000	....	....	....	.....

Gainsville,	114	1		10	22	3	10	85	500				6		$ 4,000					
Handsboro,	90		5	5	15	1	10	75		24			4	500	4,000					
Black Creek,																				
Ocoha,	125		4	3	5								5	500	750					
Total,	1385	159	17	139	145	7	37	305	825	36	$ 12 00		33	4300	$ 13,150					
BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.																				
Brookhaven Station,	73			1		1	10	75	400		$ 50 00		1	400	$ 4,000	1	$ 1,500			
Bogue Chitto,	170		4	6	9	1	8	40	50				3		600					
Magnolia,	240		2	33	38	2	9	52	350	20	40 00		7	2000	5,250				$100	
Summit,	132		1	4	11	2	10	60	250				4	1200	2,250	1	1,000			
Scotland,	138		1	7		2	4	17	65	24			4		4,030					
Brandywine,	308		1	40	12	2	8	40	250	8	4 00		4	1000	3,000					
Crystal Springs, Hazlehurst,	290			15	14	2	20	150		20	4 00		2	800	7,000	1	2,000			
Pleasant Valley, Reohboth,	169		1																	
Burtonton Circuit,	117		1										3	1000	4,000					
Georgetown,	184		2	10	15	3	23	120	200				2	800	1,500					
Wesson and Beauregard,	133			6	3	2	32	182	245	63	6 75		2	700	2,000				250	
Martinsville,	313		6	50	30	2	2	60	200				6	1600	2,4 00					
Total,	2267		19	172	132	19	126	796	2010	135	$ 104 75		38	9500	$ 42,030	3	$ 4,500		$ 350	
CLINTON DISTRICT.																				
Clinton Station,	88		1	2	18	1	10	65	400						$					
East Feliciana	264		1	38	7															
East Baton Rouge,	161																			
Livingston Mission,	46		1	8	4															
Jackson, Louisiana,	230		1	10	12	1	21	145	300	50	60 00		3	800	10,000					
Greensburg and Days,	75				4	1	8	40	150		25 00									
Arcola,	85			3	10	2	14	70	100		50 00									
Tangipahoa,																				
Covington Mission,	101				7	3	8	80	300		10 00									
Ponchatoula,	96		1																	
Total,	1146		5	61	62	8	61	400	1250	50	145 00		3	800	$ 10,000					

APPOINTMENTS.	White Members.	Col'd Members.	Local Preachers	Adults Baptis'd	Infants Baptis'd	Sunday Schools.	Superintend'nts and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library	Visitors Taken.	Monies Expended.	Churches	Sittings	Churches, Value of	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages	Other Property.	Value of Other Property
JACKSON DISTRICT.																		
Jackson Circuit	208	...	2	44	2	1	7	30	400	...	.....	2	800	$ 1,800	2	.....	.....	.....
Canton Station	149	1	1	....	7	1	14	80	150	50	$ 75	1	350	7,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Sharon	147	38	....	2	3	1	15	100	300	50	1 50	2	550	3,000	..	.....	.....	$ 300
Camden	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	11	60	100	20	60 00	2	500	4,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs	132	....	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1000	1.000	..	.....	.....	.....
Forrest Grove	90	200	5	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	125	3,00	..	.....	.....	.....
Madison	58	..	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	600	5,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Brownsville	210	.....	.....	6	8	1	7	35	470	26	55 30	2	600	55.00	..	.....	.....	.....
Raymond	166	....	3	2	5	1	10	94	350	....	.....	3	900	6,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Jackson Station	119	....	1	6	16	1	24	141	500	50	63 50	1	300	10,000	..	$ 3500	lots,	6500
Total	1379	239	16	64	53	8	88	540	2270	196	$ 403 80	22	5725	$ 43,600	2	$ 3500	...	$ 6800
MERIDIAN DISTRICT.																		
Meridian Station	205	....	3	9	14	1	13	203	497	100	.....	1	400	$ 2.500	1	$ 1500	...	300
Pierce's Springs	169	1	1	14	13	3	15	75	157	....	$ 29 00	5	1325	1,205	..	.....	.....	.....
Shubuta and Clarke	1000	....	11	30	35	9	60	500	1000	....	130 00	10	2700	6,000	1	1000	....	1000
Enterprise Station	93	....	1	7	5	1	13	80	400	35	18 00	1	400	2,000	..	.....	....	300
Enterprise Circuit	348	....	3	49	15	7	25	200	445	40	25 00	10	3000	1,500	..	.....	.....	.....
East Pascagoula	190	30	....	14	15	5	24	178	425	....	.....	9	2000	3,000	..	.....	.....	.....
West Pascagoula	238	30	3	60	45	5	27	125	100	75	50 00	11	1200	500	..	.....	.....	.....
Cuba	140	....	4	12	4	2	2	50	50	....	20 00	3	650	700	..	.....	.....	.....
Marion	400	....	6	41	14	10	50	400	1400	4	4 00	9	2000	11,050	1	300	.....	.....
DeKalb	498	....	2	20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	5,000	1	700	....	.....
Total	3281	61	34	256	180	43	229	1811	4474	254	$ 276 00	70	13,675	$ 33,455	4	$ 3500	....	$ 1600

APPOINTMENTS.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Missions	Tracts.	Ministerial Education.	Poor	Other Objects	Books Sold	Periodicals takn	Salary of P. E.	Receipts	Salary of P. C.	Receipts	Salary of J. P.	Receipts
WOODVILLE DISTRICT.															
Woodville Station	$16 50	$21 10	$27 00					$36 00	20	$150	$150 00	$1000 00	$1000 00		
Percy's Creek	6 00	29 15	9 35						13	50	50 00	400 00	361 60		
St. Helena	13 60	6 00							4	100	57 00	225 00	71 00		
Wilkinson	26 00	20 00	20 00						20	150	131 00	685 00	515 00		
Buffalo	9 35	5 05	5 00												
Liberty	....	6 50	5 00					10 50	6	700	469 00	500 00	500 00		
Meadville										100	40 00				
Homochitto Mission															
Amite	....	15 25	8 10							60					
Total	$71 45	$103 05	$74 45					$46 50	63	$1310	$897 00	$2810 00	$2447 60		
VICKSBURG DISTRICT.															
Vicksburg Station	40 00	43 60	27 40							200	121 25	2000 00	1650 00		
North Warren	25 00	75 00	106 00				$100 00	10 00	25	150	134 50	750 00	670 00		
South Warren	5 00	10 15	6 00				8 00	25 00	10						
Cayuga	21 75	65 25	30 25	125				25 00	22	100	96 50	500 00	337 00	300 00	187 77
Rocky Springs	11 75	11 75	31 00							125	99 20	700 00	125 00		
Port Gibson Station	10 10	24 40	5 45					15 00	12	200	70 65	1200 00	355 25		
Grand Gulf and Rodney															
Fayette	41 00	113 65	13 00					60 00	50	150	150 00	1000 00	1000 00		
Natchez	....	45 00	11 00			49 00				200	110 00	1200 00	500 00		
Kingston	3 30	9 95									70 40		70 50		
Total	157 90	398 75	$230 10	125		$49 00	$108 00	$135 00	119	$1125	$852 50	$7350 00	$4707 25	$300 00	187 77
YAZOO DISRICT.															
Yazoo Station	21 00	20 25	11 00				75 00		10	100	80 00	800 00	614 50		

APPOINTMENTS.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Missions.	Tracts.	Ministerial Education.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Am't of Books Sold.	Periodicals taken	Salary of P. E.	Receipts.	Salary of P. C.	Receipts.	Salary of J. P.	Receipts.
Yazoo Circuit,	$38 70	$55 00	$40 50					$91 90	45	$200	$140 70	$685 00	$481 25		
Mount Olivet,	30 45	18 75	8 75			$5 00		5 40		200	85 00	600 00	348 00		
Lower Deer Creek									3	100	15 00	300 00	90 00		
Clover Hill,	18 75	13 75	16 00	1 25					4	250	75 00	850 00	445 00		
Carthage,	5 00	5 00	5 00					$40 00	15	75	31 00	500 00	150 00		
Total,	113 90	$112 95	$81 25	1 25		$5 00	$75 00	$137 30	77	$925	$426 70	$3700 35	$2128 75		
BRANDON DISTRICT.															
Brandon Station,	$17 50	$33 50										$700 00	$700 00		
Brandon Circuit,										$100	$100 00	550 00	300 00		
Hillsboro',		29 05	$28 50						10	100	95 00	800 00	337 85		
Trenton,	8 85	17 96	12 40					$51 60	14	100	82 50	600 00	320 00		
Walnut Grove	86 67	17 33	20 00						9	100	100 00	325 00	325 00		
Forest,	9 80	25 00	8 40					6 00		100	95 00	600 00	540 00		
Sylvarena,	9 00	17 75	20 00							75	62 50	525 00	462 50		
Paulding,		2 25	4 50							100	58 00	675 00	476 32		
Garlandsville,	24 50	49 00					$32 00	17 00	12	75	75 00	575 00	553 00		
Decatur,	5 90	8 00							1	50	5 45	250 00	76 00		
Philadelphia,		11 87	11 75					24 00	1	75	75 00	510 00	443 60		
Total,	177 22	$211 71	$105 55				$32 00	$98 60	47	$875	$747 45	$6110 00	$4534 27		
MT. CARMEL DISTRICT.															
Mount Carmel Circuit,	$16 50	$40 00	$22 20					$30 00	15	$375	$240 00	$275 00	$197 00		
Rankin,															
Columbia Mission,	10 00	20 00	2 00						11	50	12 00	550 00	270 00		
Gainsville,	5 00	5 00	8 20							75	50 00	270 00	265 75		

Handsboro',														$325 00		
Black Creek																
Ocoha									2	$150	$87 00					
Total	$31 50	$65 00	$32 40					$30 00	28	$650	$389 00	$1095 00	$1057 75			
BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.																
Brookhaven Station		40 00										1500 00	850 00			
Bogue Chitto	1 00	50	6 00					9 00	3	30	26 00	300 00	120 00			
Magnolia	2 50	10 50	8 50				2 50	6 00	20	70	70 00	400 00	328 50			
Summit		9 65								75	61 20	400 00	244 80			
Scotland	3 00	6 00	8 00					25 00	7	125	70 00	750 00	258 00			
Brandywine	6 00	15 50	7 00				6 50	10 00	6	75	28 00	500 00	232 00			
Crystal Sp. & Hazlehurst	22 50	65 00	42 75						4	175	117 00	1150 00	635 00			
Pleasant Val. & Rehoboth																
Burtonton Circuit		4 25						100 00	6	75	75 00	675 00	380 00			
Georgetown			37 75							75	70 00	650 00	572 25			
Wesson and Beauregard	10 00	32 55	29 95	20			7 25	10 90	13	90	90 00	800 00	615 75			
Martinsville								50 50	12	60	60 00	400 00	380 00			
Total	$45 00	$183 95	$139 95	$20			$16 25	$211 40	71	$1120	$687 20	$7525 00	$4632 30			
CLINTON DISTRICT.																
Clinton Station																
East Feliciana	10 00	20 00	24 55							100		700 00	70 00			
East Baton Rouge																
Livingston Mission													41 00			
Jackson, Louisiana	15 00	20 00	15 00	5					40	100	90 00	1200 00	927 00			
Greensburg and Days	6 00	7 25	8 00									300 00	121 00			
Arcola		1 00								50	25 00	200 00	100 00			
Tangipahoa													100 00			
Covington Mission										50	25 00	200 00				
Ponchatoula																
Total	$31 00	$48 25	$47 55	$5					40	$300	$140 00	$2600 00	$1359 00			

APPOINTMENTS.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collection.	Missions,.....	Tracts.....	Ministerial Education.	Poor.....	Other Objects..	Books Sold,....	Periodicals taken	Salary of P. E.	Receipts.....	Salary of P. C.	Receipts.....	Salary of J. P...	Receipts.....
JACKSON DISTRICT.															
Jackson Circuit,.....	2 00	$12 50	$12 50	....	....	.....	.....	$33 00	20	$ 100	$ 80 00	$ 900 00	$ 575 00	.....	.....
Canton Station,.....	48 50	93 00	130 00	....	....	.....	$336 26	.....	44	200	2 30	1000 00	10 50	.....	.....
Sharon.....	11 65	15 00	21 00	....	....	.....	1000 00	25 00	21	100	51 20	335 00	335 00	.....	.....
Camden,.....	8 00	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	100	71 55	500 00	275 00	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs,.....	.....	.....	10 25	....	....	.....	.....	.....	6	100	41 00	300 00	150 00	.....	.....
Forest Grove,.....	.....	9 50	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	8	50	42 00	250 00	180 00	.....	.....
Madison,.....	11 00	50 00	50 00	....	....	.....	44 00	4 00	10	100	100 00	500 00	450 00	.....	.....
Brownsville,.....	25 00	75 00	102 30	....	$15	.....	.....	5 00	20	200	158 90	800 00	763 00	.....	.....
Raymond,.....	10 65	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	150	61 60	1000 00	394 50	100 00	10 00
Jackson Station,.....	30 00	70 00	15 60	..	...	.....	800 00	.....	12	150	68 00	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....
Total,.....	146 80	$325 00	$341 65		$15		$2180 26	$67 00	141	$1250	$ 903 25	$6785 00	$5372 50	$ 100 00	10 00
MERIDIAN DISTRICT.															
Meridian Station,.....	25 00	.....	.....	....	....	173	.....	.....	17	$ 150	$ 150 00	$ 900 00	$ 900 00	.....	.....
Pierce's Springs,.....	95	$2 25	$23 00	....	....	.....	.....	$24 00	2	.....	.....	135 00	99 00	.....	.....
Shubuta and Clarke,....	19 75	33 10	.....	....	....	.....	.....	200 00	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enterprise Station,.....	6 00	15 00	.....	....	....	.....	.....	38 00	70	100	61 00	400 00	243 00	.....	100 00
Enterprise Circuit,.....	.....	.....	8 00	....	....	.....	.....	18 00	8	75	55 00	275 00	255 00	.....	.....
East Pascagoula,.....	10 00	50 50	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Pascagoula,.....	10 00	20 00	12 50	....	...	$25	$100 00	100 00	20	70	35 00	500 00	300 00	.....	.....
Cuba,.....	5 00	15 00	10 00	....	....	.....	.....	.....	6	50	45 00	400 00	284 00	.....	.....
Marion,.....	10 00	15 00	15 00	....	....	10	.....	.....	30	100	82 50	600 00	550 00	.....	.....
DeKalb,.....	25 00	60 00	23 00	....	....	.....	.....	.....	...	150	115 00	900 00	650 00	575 00	417 00
Total,.....	111 70	$210 85	$91 50			$208	$100 00	$380 00	178	695	$ 543 50	$4110 00	$3281 00	$ 575 00	517 00

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	White Members.	Col'd Members.	Local Preachers	Adults Baptis'd	Infants Baptis'd	Sunday Schools.	Superintend'nts and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library	Visitors Taken.	Monies Expended.	Churches	Sittings	Churches, Value of.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.
Woodville,	1,147	13	5	116	62	17	67	444	1,732	95	$86 00	26	6,200	20,950	3	4,800	$1,238 00
Vicksburg,	1,405	....	16	89	86	12	93	555	3,170	355	485 00	23	5,505	69,000	3	6,300	20,810 00
Yazoo,	800	....	7	46	61	7	46	214	995	74	94 15	15	3,950	20,800	1	3,000	2,025 00
Brandon,	2,576	48	27	121	111	15	75	600	1,270	42	249 50	38	8,050	17,550	2	550	5,000 50
Mt. Carmel,	1,385	159	17	139	145	7	37	305	825	36	12 00	33	4,300	13,150			
Brookhaven,	2,267	....	19	172	132	19	126	796	2,010	135	104 75	38	9,500	42,030	3	4,500	350 00
Clinton,	1,146	....	5	61	62	8	61	400	1,250	50	145 00	3	800	10,000			
Jackson,	1,379	239	16	64	53	8	88	540	2,270	196	403 80	22	5,725	43,600	1	3,500	6,800 00
Meridian,	3,281	61	34	256	180	43	229	1811	4,474	254	276 00	70	13,675	33,455	4	3,500	1,600 00
Grand Total,	15,386	520	146	1064	892	136	822	5665	17,996	1237	1,856 30	268		270,535	17	26,150	37,823 50
Total last year,	15,922	1004	153	1004	673	123	748	4407	11,769								
Increase,	....	....	...	60	219	13	74	1258	6,227								
Decrease,	536	484	7														

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Collections.	Missions	Tracts.	Ministerial Education.	Poor	Other Objects	Books Sold	Periodicals taken	Salary of P. E.	Receipts	Salary of P. C.	Receipts	Salary of J. P.	Receipts
Woodville	$71 45	$103 05	$74 45					$46 50	63	$1310	$897 00	$2,810	$3,447 60		
Vicksburg	157 90	398 75	230 10	$1 25		$49	$108 00	135 00	119	1125	852 00	7,350	4,707 25	$300	$187 77
Yazoo	113 90	112 95	81 25	1 25		5	75 00	137 30	77	925	426 70	3,735	2,123 75		
Brandon	177 32	211 71	105 55				32 00	98 60	47	875	747 45	6,110	4,534 27		
Mt. Carmel	31 50	65 00	32 40					30 00	28	650	389 00	1,095	1,057 75		
Brookhaven	45 00	183 95	139 95	20 00			16 25	211 40	71	1120	687 20	7,525	4,632 30		
Clinton	31 00	48 25	47 55	5 00					40	300	140 00	2,600	1,359 00		
Jackson	146 80	325 00	341 65		15 00		2180 76	67 00	141	1250	903 25	6,785	5,372 50	100	10 00
Meridian	111 70	210 85	91 50			208	100 00	380 00	178	695	543 50	4,110	3,281 00	575	517 00
Grand total	$886 57	$1659 51	$1144 40	27 50	15 00	$262	$2512 01	$1105 80	764	$8250	$5586 10	$42,120	$30,575 42	$975	$714 77
Total last year	1145 70	1640 03	2204 50									49,144	37,637 45		
Increase		19 48													
Decrease	259 13		60 10									7,024	7,062 03		

Question Twenty-second—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer—892.

Question Twenty-Third—How many adults have been baptised during the year?

Answer—1,064.

Question Twenty-Fourth—What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Answer—149.

Question Twenty-fifth—What is the number of Sunday School Teachers?

Answer—822.

Question Twenty-sixth—What is the number of Sunday School Schol ars?

Answer—5,942.

Question Twenty-seventh—What amount is necessary for the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers?

Answer—There was no estimate made.

Question Twenty-eighth—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Answer—$2,802 60 collected. Distributed for Bishops,...$1,058 50
Superannuates, widows and orphans,..... 1,744 10

$2,802 60

Question Twenty-ninth—What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer—$1,116 60.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following report:

Total number of	Schools within the limits of the Conference	149
" "	Superintendents and Teachers	817
" "	Scholars	5,942
" "	Volumes in Libraries	19,674
" "	Visitors taken	1,338
" Monies expended		$1,881,05

Your committee regret to have to state, that there are twenty Circuits and Missions, from which no reports have been brought up, and which, it is believed, are entirely without Schools.

On some of these Circuits, there is regular monthly preaching, often with four appointments during the month; and yet, the lambs of the flock appear to be wholly uncared for!

We greatly deplore this want of interest in our people and ministry, on this great subject. When it is remembered that more varied and valuable

information is received by a child between the ages of one and ten years, than there is between ten and seventy, some estimate may be formed of the importance of impressing these divine truths, uttered by Him, "Who spake as never man spake," on the hearts and minds of children. And when it is known, that of the entire membership of the Church, nearly two thirds come up from the Sunday School, we cannot too earnestly express our condemnation of the course of a christian minister, who neglects this fruitful source of supply for the Church of Christ.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we consider the Sunday School among the most important interests of the Church, the neglect of which is highly culpable, either in the ministry or membership.

Resolved, 2. That we earnestly implore our ministerial brethren to carry the lambs of the flock, at stated times, and often, by their prayers, to the feet of the great Shepherd, Who is as ready to bless them now, as He was during His pilgrimage on earth.

Resolved, 3. That we believe it to be the duty of our Preachers frequently to visit our Sunday Schools, to examine and catechize the children, and should they fail in proper attention to this great interest of the Church, they are grossly derelict to their duty.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McVEA, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

The Bible is the grand living miracle in the world, the witness not to one age or people, but to all. The fact that the Word of God has survived all the assaults of infidelity, commends it as the product of eternal truth. Every enemy has been led captive. The sciences, in their turn, marching through the several provinces of creation, have each demonstrated that Nature and Revelation are harmonious. In both, the reverent mind may hear the voice of God.

The written word of God, we hold to be the Great Charter of life, a light to the world which without it, would be in grossest darkness. And it is the province of the Church of to-day, to transmit this light to those who shall come after, and also, to send it out where it never yet has reached. We believe in the regenerating power of Truth; that the Truth alone can make men free; we recognize the duty, the necessity laid upon us of distributing the Holy Scriptures; on this point we are guilty of no heresy, and yet a great want of interest in this cause is apparent among us. The Bible is cheap, but many houses are without it. The agent of the South-Western Bible Society, within our limits, finds sixteen per cent. of the families visited by him, destitute of the Word of Life. We are inclined to believe the destitution even greater. Now whether this arises from inability or unwillingness to supply it, the fact calls us to earnest labor.

In the Bible Cause properly, but little seems to have been done, except by the agent in person. Systematic effort by the Church is wanted, not so much through the machinery of Societies, as that this matter receive special attention in every congregration.

But few Churches take up special collections for the Bible Cause. The report of the South-Western Bible Society for the year 1869, mentions but six instances, none of these within the bounds of our Conference. That Society, during the present year, has distributed, through the agency of Dr. Harmon, Bibles to the value of four thousand dollars; the returns into its treasury have amounted to but one thousand.

Yet, brethren, we are happy to report to you, that in this matter of the spreading of the Word of Life among the nations of the earth, there is much to cause us to rejoice. Not only has the Bible been translated into nearly all of the languages of the earth; but what is more, there is, in unexpected quarters, an eager demand for it. Regions from which the Bible has been for centuries excluded, have taken down their barriers, and the

great darkness begins to disappear before the true light, the coming glory of the Lord. Vast numbers of copies of the Scriptures have recently been sold and given away in the streets of the several cities of Spain. Mexico is receiving the Word eagerly, thankfully. Into these lands the Bible goes not to act as a charm, but with its grand living forces to save.

Amid the mighty political upheavals of Europe, the providence of God is working. His finger is writing in the great book of history. "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth," and it may soon come to pass, that those letters which St. Paul wrote from his Roman cell, about the life and the immortality, and which have gone every where else, and been syllabled by the lips of faith all round the globe, shall return again, with no man's seal upon them, to the fallen mistress of the world for the blessing of those who so long have asked for bread and received only a stone. For these glorious signs of promise, we devoutly thank and praise the Great Ruler of the nations.

During the year, Rev. J. W. Harmon, a member of our body, has acted as the agent of the South Western Bible Society. We are pleased to mention his efficient and valuable labors. We learn that the Board of Directors of the Society, request that Dr. Harmon continue as their agent. We, therefore, very heartily and respectfully recommend that the presiding Bishop, appoing him to that duty.

Resolved, That the South-Western Bible Society has our perfect confidence, and that we cordially approve of its efforts to disseminate the Word of God.

Resolved, That we will cheerfully co-operate in its plans, and aid its agents in carrying out its great work.

E. H. MOUNGER, Chairman,
ANDREW B. STEWART,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The committee to whom the subject of Education was referred would respectfully offer the following report:

With regard to the great importance of Education in general, neither this Conference nor the Church it represents ought to need any arguments from us; yet there are some facts in relation to the subject which we think might be profitably considered. In many of those branches of science which are usually studied in the schools of this country, a constant progress is being made, both in the accumulation of facts which constitute the subject matter of each and in the manner of teaching them.

Geographers are discovering new lakes, new rivers and new lands; chemists are discovering new elements and new and very valuable combinations of those already known; astronomers are still penetrating further into the illimitable depths of space, and discovering new worlds, and, by artificial aids of wonderful power, ascertaining the chemical elements which compose the sun and other distant luminaries, with an accuracy that transcends all previous expectation.

The Greek and Latin classics, under the profound study of some of the ripest scholars of the age, are revealing beauties before unseen in the ancient authors; and diagrams, maps and other pictorial representations are making illustrated editions of Cæsar, Virgil and Homer as interesting to the youth of the country as the latest magazine or novel of the day.

The startling theories of geologists which, in the opinion of many, threatened to overthrow the truth of the Bible, are, by recent investigations of masters in that science, demonstrated to be erroneous, and geology unites with all the other natural sciences in bearing testimony to the truth of God's revealed word.

Though the canon of Scripture has long since been closed, the science of Biblical Hermeneutics is progressing with the ages, and each year adds increasing luster to that word which God has given to enlighten the world.

Lord Macaulay's assertion, that a man, in the fifth century, with a Bible in his hand, was on perfect equality with a man in the nineteenth century with a Bible in his hand, stands convicted as one of the dangerous fallacies of the felicitous reviewer of "Rankes' History of the Popes."

The discovery of ancient manuscripts, coins and medals, the more perfect interpretation of hieroglyphics and other ancient inscriptions, together with the excavations now being conducted at Jerusalem and at Pompeii, and amid the ruins of other great cities, are throwing a flood of light upon many passages of Holy Writ. We expect, at no distant day, to have the long disputed question with regard to the mode of baptism, forever settled by the discovery of some unquestionable evidence, among the buried records of the past, of the mode practiced by John the Baptist and by the disciples of Christ. Indeed, important advancements and valuable improvements are being made in every department of knowledge. This is emphatically an age in which "many run to and fro and knowledge is increased." He who would not grope as in darkness at noonday, must prepare his vision for the new and stronger light.

Our bishops, wisely recognizing the demands of the age, have recently enlarged the course of study and elevated the standard of graduation for deacons and elders' orders in our church, to such an extent that none but trained students can hope to compass it. Under these circumstances, it behooves us, as a Conference, to arouse ourselves to unwonted zeal and activity in the great work of education. We can not be content with the attainments of the past. The interests of the Church of God and the higher development of our holy religion, imperatively require of us to elevate the standard of education among us. If learning, without religion, increases and intensifies the manifestations of ungodliness, religion, without learning, degenerates into fanaticism, superstition, and the grossest idolatry.

Education ought to be subordinated to the demands of religion. We want not only pure hearts, but clear heads; not only the innocence of the dove, but the wisdom of the serpent. Let the church recognize her privilege and her calling in this matter. Let her not only maintain the ground already occupied, but advance into the regions beyond. Let her support her schools with a liberal patronage, and thereby enable and encourage them to elevate their standard of literary attainments. Just here, some are greatly at fault. Many of our people, to our astonishment and their shame, are patronizing Roman Catholic schools. Such conduct, in Methodists, is not only dangerous to the young, but suicidal to the educational interests of the church. That church which educates the children will, in most cases, claim their allegiance in after life.

The recent enactment of a law establishing public schools in every school district in this State, will doubtless give a new phase to our entire educational system. Let it be our aim, as a church, to avail ourselves, as far as possible, of the large sums of money to be expended in the support of education, by securing to our schools their share of these funds, and by directing, as far as we may, the hundreds of schools throughout the Conference.

The Mississippi Conference owns a half interest in

CENTENARY COLLEGE,

Located at Jackson, La. We are indebted to Bishop Keener for a succinct and interesting account of the condition and wants of the College, and for some excellent remarks on the necessity of a higher education, which we hope the Conference will not forget. The buildings, library and apparatus of the institution are estimated to be worth $200,000. Two professors are filling their places, and the preparatory department is in successful operation. About half the amount necessary to repair the buildings has been raised, and it is hoped that at an early day the College, thoroughly repaired and with a full Faculty, will realize more than its former prosperity. Let us rally to its support.

SHARON FEMALE COLLEGE

Is the property of the Conference, and is thoroughly organized with classes and teachers for the graduation of young ladies. The Trustees request the appointment of Rev. W. L. C. Hunnicutt as President of the College.

WHITWORTH COLLEGE.

Also the property of the Conference, is thoroughly organized, and is in a flourishing condition. The institution has been leased by the Trustees to the Rev. H. F. Johnson. for a term of twenty years, in consideration of his liquidating debts against the College, amounting to $8,000, and putting a new roof on the main building. The Trustees ask the Conference to ratify the lease made by them. We respectfully ask the appointment of Rev. H. F. Johnson as President of the institution.

PORT GIBSON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY,

Under the presidency of Rev. Ben. Jones, has become the property of this Conference, subject to a claim held by the President of the Academy. The school is well furnished with teachers and other requisites. We recommend the appointment of Rev. Ben. Jones as its President.

WOODVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY,

Though not the property of the Conference, is under Methodist control, and is reported to us as well endowed and in good condition, in every respect, for the instruction of youth.

MADISON COLLEGE,

At Sharon, Miss., is under charge of the Rev. J. M. Pugh, who offers to give tuition gratuitously to young men studying for the ministry, and to the sons of itinerant ministers. The Trustees ask that the Rev. J. M. Pugh be assigned to the presidency of the College.

All these institutions we heartily recommend to the confidence and patronage of our people.

We desire also to call the attention of the Conference and church to the "Ministerial Educational Association" of the Mississippi Conference, now duly organized, whose object is to aid necessitous young men in preparing for the ministry. The objects of Association demand the hearty co-operation of every member of this Conference.

In view of the foregoing facts, we offer the following resolutions:

1. That the Mississippi Conference approve the terms of the lease made by the Trustees of Whitworth College to the Rev. H. F. Johnson, which lease see at the conclusion of this report, and do hereby ratify the same.

2. That a committee of three, consisting of W. H. Watkins, Thomas Reed, and E. S. Drake, be appointed to settle any matter of indebtedness between Port Gibson Collegiate Academy and the Rev. Ben. Jones, by lease of the property or otherwise.

3. That we solemnly disapprove the inconsistent and self-destructive practice of sending the children of Protestants to Romish schools, proceeding, as we think, from a false idea that better education is obtained at less expense.

4. That we will encourage our people universally to patronize the schools within our bounds.

5. That we will aid and encourage the Ministerial Educational Association of this Conference in accomplishing the noble work proposed by them.

6. That we recommend to the Bishop to appoint, in connection with the Louisiana Conference, an agent for Centenary College.

Finally, we call attention to the fact that this Conference assumed the payment of a claim held by Rev. W. G. Millsaps against Whitworth College for $300, which has not yet been fully liquidated.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,
C. CHAMBERLIN,
BEN. JONES,
JOSIAH NETTLES,
Committee.

Lease of Whitworth Female College.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, }
COUNTY OF LINCOLN, July 6, 1870. }

This indenture made this the 6th day of July, 1870, between R. W. Millsaps as Agent of Whitworth Female College, of the one part, and H. F. Jonson, of the second part, witnesseth: That whereas, the Board of Trustees of Whitworth Female College, at a meeting held on ths 15th day of April, 1870, did appoint, instruct and authorize R. W. Millsaps as a Committee and as their Agent in that behalf, to draw up a contract of lease of the Whitworth Female College buildings and grounds thereto attached, with said H. F. Johnson:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of said authority, and as a Committee and Agent, and in behalf of the Trustees of Whitworth Female College, the said R. W. Millsaps, for the consideration and covenants hereinafter contained, doth hereby grant, demise and lease, to the said H. F. Johnson, of the second part, his executors, administrators and assigns, all the Whitworth Female College, together with the Chapel buildings and improvements, and the grounds thereto attached, situate in the city of Brookhaven, county of Lincoln, State of Mississippi, to have and to hold the same, from the said 15th day of April, 1870, until the 15th day of August, 1890, being a term of twenty years and four months.

In consideration of the said lease, demise, grant, etc., the said H. F. Johnson doth hereby assume and agree to pay off and satisfy all debts, liabilities and incumbrances now existing against the new College Chapel, which was constructed during the year 1870, and situated on the grounds attached to the College building, and the said debts, liabilities and incumbrances are to be fully paid off and satisfied within two years from the date of this instrument.

2. That the said H. F. Johnson shall settle, or save the Board of Trustees and the College property under their charge harmless from, whatever claim may be established against the Trustees of Whitworth Female College by Mytel & Co. for repairs done on the College building and putting roof on same, which said claim is now in suit, but the name and style of said suit cannot now be called to mind.

3. That said H. F. Johnson obligates himself to remove the present shingle roof on what is known as the main College building, and to put on, at his own expense, a new roof out of such materials as are required to make the roof sound and free from leakage.

4. That said H. F. Johnson releases and renounces all claims that he now has against Whitworth Female College for building cistern, improving ground, or any other improvement whatever.

5. That said H. F. Johnson shall not in any way, by improvement or otherwise, create any debt, lien or incumbrance, further than that which may affect his lease or term of years, except by written consent of the Board of Trustees, and that at the end of his term of years, he shall deliver up said premises in good order and condition, reasonable use and ordinary wear and tear thereof, and damages by fire and unavoidable accident excepted.

6. That said H. F. Johnson, or his successors, shall not, by any sale, lien or otherwise, of his term, direct the purposes of the said College from the cause of education, nor change its relation to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, but the said Johnson and his successors and Whitworth Female College are to remain as before, under the supervision and control of the Mississippi Conference, and be as fully under the authority of said Church and Conference, after the lease, as the said College was before the said lease was made.

7. It is understood and agreed as one of the covenants of this lease, that said Johnson, during his lease, shall have exclusive control over the matriculation of students unto said College, and may establish such rules therefor as he may deem proper and for the best interest of the College.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 13th day of July, 1870.

(Signed) R. W. MILLSAPS, Agent, [Seal.]
H. F. JOHNSON, [Seal.]

The foregoing contract having been read, on motion it was ratified and

adopted as the act of the Board of Trustees of Whitworth Female College.

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of Female College. R. W. MILLSAPS,
Secretary Board.

REIMBURSEMENT OF REV. W. G. MILLSAPS FOR MONEY ADVANCED TO WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE.

The following persons agreed to pay $10 each, towards liquidating the debt due Bro. Millsaps, on account of money advanced for Whitworth Female College, viz: W. Harrington, Thomas Reid, E. R. Strickland, J. E. Watts, J. H. Holland, W. C. Wilkinson, A. Trotter, F. M. Featherston, W. B. Hines, A. Day, I. V. Enochs, J. E. Jagers, J. B. Porter, $10, paid; L. P. Meador, A. B. Stewart, $10, paid; A. B. Nicholson, G. F. Thompson, Josiah Nettles, S. G. Shropshire, C. G. Andrews, $10, paid.

Report of Committee on Religious Literature.

The Committee on Religious Literature beg leave to submit the following report, viz.:

Religion and literature ought always to go hand in hand. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," is the declaration of the Lord by the mouth or his prophet, and is as true now as when first uttered. Knowledge is power in whatever department to which it refers; and religious knowledge has a religious power attached to it. It ought, therefore, to be cultivated, and all possible means used to increase it among the people by circulating a good, sound, moral and religious literature. This is found in books and periodicals.

This has been called a reading age, and ours a reading people; hence, the necessity of the church looking well to the literature circulated among and read by our people, our members and their families. Much vigilance is required at this point, because error and falsehood and demoralizing teachings are to be found in many, if not in most, of the publications sent out by a large number of the publishing houses in civilized countries.

Our church, seeing the importance of guarding well this point and supplying its members and families with a suitable and religious literature, has established its own Publishing House, selected its own editors to superintend its publications, both of books and periodicals—so that, by reading this literature, we expect our people to become intelligent, elevated in thought and sentiment, pure in morals, holy in religion, and pious in their lives, wise in their efforts to send out light and truth among those who are in darkness and the region and shadow of death.

Much is being done to educate the rising generation; but their education should not be confined to the text books used in the schools, academies and colleges. They ought to have their minds directed to books and periodicals where a pure theology is taught, where the lives of pure and holy men and women may be studied, and the living example of the life and power of religion may be seen—where the history of the church may be learned, and of our church, too, in all its peculiarities—where the condition of the heathen world may be learned, and the duty of missionary efforts may be seen, and what missionary efforts are being made. But there seems to be a thirst for periodical literature among us at this time, and the church is awake to that necessity also. We have periodicals ranging from the *Little People* up to the ponderous *Quarterly*. And every preacher and every private member should be an active agent to put all these periodicals into circulation, so that every member and child of the church may be supplied

with them, and every family that can be reached outside of the church may be supplied with this literature. In this way we would become known to the outside world, and be able to get many recruits to the Church of Christ.

The time was, when to meet a Methodist itinerant preacher was to meet a book-seller. Then our members were acquainted with our standard and other works of theology, etc.—when they were well indoctrinated, and well instructed as to the rules, regulations and operations of the church. Then there was more of stability, activity, zeal and power in our church than we fear is to be found in it at this time, in proportion to its membership. And all our preachers ought now to be book-sellers and distributors of tracts and our periodicals. As the people *will* read, let us try to supply them with that reading which will make them wiser and better.

Preaching is important and of Divine appointment, yet it is not possible for us, in our sermons, to say every thing and as explicitly as it ought to be said, that the people ought to know and learn. But if we put books into their hands, they may read and study them in quiet hours, while we may be engaged in other and important business. Hence, to sell good books, is to preach many sermons, when otherwise, we would preach but one. Good books, when read, stimulate to inquiry and investigation, and inspire us with a desire to know, by experience, the truth of the lessons taught in them. Thus many have been thoroughly awakened and led to seek God and become pious. Others have been built up, established, and confirmed in truth and piety.

In conclusion, we beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. That we do heartily recommend to our people our Publishing House, at Nashville, Tennessee, as worthy their patronage, and as an institution which every Southern Methodist ought to sustain.

2. That we do earnestly request all the preachers to engage in the circulation of our books, as a very valuable means of extending religious knowledge among the people to whom they minister.

3. That, as members of this Conference, lay and clerical, we will exert ourselves to have our periodicals put into every family in our charges, and thus give them the valuable information found in them.

4. That the action of the General Conference, by which the *Southern Review* became identified with the periodical literature of the church, meets our full approval.

5. That the *Southern Review* deserves the liberal and hearty support of the ministers and members of the church, sustaining, as it does, a reputation for literary ability not excelled by any periodical of its class, and being an invaluable auxiliary in explaining and defending the doctrine and polity of Methodism, and that we will do our utmost to obtain subscribers for it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

December 21, 1870.

Report of Joint Board of Finance.

There has come into our hands the following moneys, viz:

Whole amount of Conference collection	$1,644 10	
Amount for Bishops, reported by the Preachers	916 50	
Amount of public collection for Bishops	112 00	
Amount paid Bishop Keener, per receipt of Bro. Barton	30 00	
Total		$2,802 60

Distributed as follows, viz:

Traveling expenses of Bishop Doggett	$ 15 00
Amount salary paid " "	929 50
Amount paid Bishop Keener	63 00
Amount remitted to Dr. Redford	51 00
Total	$1,058 50
Amount paid superannuates, widows and orphans	1,744 10
Total	$2,802 60

The following is a list of the claimants on the Conference, with the amounts received by them, and those to whom the money was delivered, viz.:

CLAIMANTS.	AM'T R'CD.	PAID TO
Mrs. Berry and Children	$121 25	Andrew Day,
P. E. Green's Children	81 25	H. H. Montgomery,
Mrs. Hainey	63 25	Jos. Nicholson,
Mrs. Simms and Children	164 25	Jos. Nicholson,
Mrs. Dawson	120 25	P. S. Petty,
Robert Lambuth's Child	26 25	F. W. Sharbrough,
Mrs. Cooper	47 25	A. B. Stewart,
Mrs. Watson	93 25	R. J. Harp,
Mrs. Campbell	63 25	J. A. Godfrey,
Mrs. B. M. Drake	63 25	J A. B. Jonos,
Mrs. Curtis	48 50	W. L. C. Hunnicutt,
Mrs. Light	47 25	H. H. Montgomery,
Mrs. Nash	47 25	A. M. Campbell,
Mrs. Deborah Johnson	47 65	H. M. Booth,
Edwin Mortimer's Child	26 25	H. F. Johnson,
John H. Massie's Children	76 25	H. H. Montgomery,
Miss Nannie Wadsworth	26 25	R. A. Sibley,
Mrs. Wiggins and Children	72 25	H. H. Montgomery,
J. R. Lambuth's Child	26 25	H. H. Montgomery,
J. G. Deskins and Wife	186 25	H. J. Harris,
Thomas Clinton	93 25	Jos. Nicholson,
J. B. Higginbotham	47 25	J. A. Godfrey,
Mrs. V. Johnson and Children	156 25	P. A. Johnson,
Total	$1744 40	
Mrs. S. W. Thompson Mrs. Herbert Mrs. W. W. Drake Mrs. J. C. Vicer } Claimants for 1871.		
Mrs. Lane relinquishes claim at present		

The Board recommend the following assessment for the ensuing year:

DISTRICTS.	CONFERENCE COLLEC.	BISHOP'S FUND.
Woodville	$600 00	$225 00
Summit	250 00	95 00
Sea Shore	250 00	95 00
Brookhaven	600 00	225 00
Jackson	800 00	300 00
Vicksburg	700 00	261 00
Brandon	300 00	111 00
Meridian	500 00	186 00
Total	$4200 00	$1498 00

The Board recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1st. That the Presiding Elders be directed to take up a collection on their first round to make up the deficiency in the Bishop's Fund, and that they remit to the Chairman of the Board, taking his receipt, and crediting to next year's account any excess in the collection they raise over and above the deficit.

2d. That the Presiding Elders be charged with collecting the several amounts apportioned to their respective districts for the support of the Bishops.

W. E. M. LINFIELD,
Chairman Joint Board of Finance.

Clerical Members of Joint Board of Finance for 1871.

W. E. M. LINFIELD,	J. A. ELLIS,
R. ABBEY,	C. CHAMBERLIN.
F. M. FEATHERSTON,	H. J. HARRIS,
W. G. MILLSAPS,	T. PRICE.

Report on the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The Committee to whom was referred the present condition of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, beg leave to report, that the continued and successful publication of this religious journal is essential to the prosperity of the Church in the city where it is published, and in the vast extent of country embraced within the patronizing Conferences. Should it, on any account, fail, self-interest would compel us to attempt the establishment of a successor immediately. But it must not fail, or be crippled in its career of usefulness. In order to prevent a disaster so reproachful to the patronizing Conferences, and so injurious to the dearest interests of the Church, we must unite in an earnest and systematic effort to increase its circulation in every congregation connected with our pastoral charges. We must say some things without disguise about the present condition of our paper. It was revived after the war, and, to a great extent, has been kept alive until now by the personal labors and liberal advances in money of a few devoted brethren and friends in and about New Orleans. It is not right that they should bear this burden any longer without the hearty co-operation of the members and patrons of the Church generally. We understand that the paper is now passing through a trying crisis. Those who are responsible for its liabilities, inform us that they will have to pay the sum of $500 on the first of January, and a like sum on the first of February, and for these sums they have to depend almost exclusively on their subscription list. The late epidemic in New Orleans, and along the Gulf Coast, so paralyzed commercial business, that the income of the Advocate, from advertisements, has been, to a great extent, cut off for the present, so that unless a special and successful effort is made immediately to extend its patronage, and collect and remit subscriptions, the paper will be greatly embarrassed. We deprecate such a misfortune. It can and must be avoided. But how can this be done? Very easily if every preacher in the patronizing Conferences will feel his personal responsibility, and resolve to do his duty in behalf of this great interest of the Church. We recommend that every preacher in this Conference make a persistent effort to get ten new subscribers as soon after he goes to his pastoral charge as possible, or secure ten renewals, and collect and remit the money to the Editor. This successfully done and we pass the present crisis triumphantly.

We further recommend the Publishing Committee to pass a resolution, that no preacher shall be entitled to receive the paper gratis until he obtains at least five new subscribers, or five renewals, or five including both classes, and remits the money to the Editor. It is not just for brethren to receive the paper gratis as agents, while they neglect or refuse to act as such. We hope the attention of the Publishing Committee, at their next meeting will be called especially to this matter, that thereafter every man may receive his own reward according to his own labor.

Your Committee deprecate the course of some brethren, who, because the New Orleans Christian Advocate, in their estimation, is not all that they think it ought to be, either drop it from their list of Church papers, or what is more injurious, get up clubs for papers published far beyond our limits, and in which we, as a Conference, have no direct interest. This course is not only impolitic, but really it looks somewhat ill-natured to treat our own official organ in this way. If our Conference paper is not all that we wish it to be, let us determine to make it such by furnishing the means for its growth to maturity.

As to the price of the paper, it is published as low as it can be done with its present patronage. Could we double and treble its number of paying

subscribers, then the price could safely, and would be reduced, but at present it cannot be. Could we gain the ear of the benevolent members and friends of the Church, at this time, we would suggest to them the importance of making some special donations to place the Advocate on a firmer and more useful basis than it now is.

Your Committee append no new resolution. We have resolved enough already. What we now need to do, is to carry our former resolutions into immediate and successful practice.

J. G. JONES, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Union with the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Methodist Protestant Church, of the Mississippi Conference, through their representatives, Revs. Messrs. Gillespie and Clarke, proposing a union of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, beg leave to report the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we recommend that the union be consummated by the brethren of the Protestant Church, accepting the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Resolved, That their Ministers be received in the same orders and relations they sustain in the Methodist Protestant Church, and sustain the same relations in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Resolved, That their private members be received as members in full connection, and entitled to the same rights and privileges as those already in in our Church.

Resolved, That when a majority of the membership of the Mississippi Con Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church, shall so vote, this union shall be considered as perfected.

W. H. WATKINS, Chairman.

For the Sustenance of Orphans in China.

WHEREAS, Our Missionary in China, the Rev. James W. Lambuth, has erected a building into which he is gathering Orphans, so as to have their entire training under his control; and whereas, those orphans have to be clothed as well as instructed; and whereas, Brother Lambuth, informs us that it will cost forty dollars a year to feed, clothe and pay the tuition of each orphan; and whereas, Brother Lambuth desires the Sunday Schools to furnish the means to enable him to carry on this enterprise; therefore,

Resolved, That we request the Superintendents of our Sunday Schools and their Pastors, to take up a collection in each Sunday School for this purpose, during the first quarter, and forward the same to H. H. Montgomery, to be forwarded by him to Brother Lambuth, and to be by him reported to the Secretary of the Parent Board.

W. HARRINGTON,
J. M. PUGH.

Board of Managers of the Missionary Society.

JAMES L. FORSYTH, JOHN G. JONES,
W. H. WATKINS, THOMAS REED,
W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, IRVIN MILLER.

AGENT TO FORWARD SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OLD DEBT.

C. G. Andrews was appointed by the Bishop, to receive the subscriptions to the Old Debt, and for Missions, and forward the same to Dr. Redford, Agent.

PORT GIBSON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

The committee authorized by the Conference, at its last session, to perfect the arrangement by which the Trustees of the Port Gibson Female Academy, proposed to vest in the Mississippi Conference, the title to the property of that institution, with all of its franchises, report that they have satisfactorily effected the work assigned them, and beg to be discharged.

W. H. WATKINS,
J. A. B. JONES,
THOMAS REED.

MORE EFFICIENT PLAN OF RAISING MONEY.

Resolved, That the presiding Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint a committee of nine, composed of clergymen and laymen, whose duty it shall be to consider and prepare a plan for the more efficient raising of money for the maintenance of our Pastors and benevolent institutions, and report the same to the Conference through our Advocate.

Upon which the following were appointed, viz: Rev. C. K. Marshall, Hon. John McVea, Rev. H. H. Montgomery, Hon. O. R. Singleton, J. W. Vick, Esq., Rev. Jno. A. Ellis, Rev. H. F. Johnson, Thos. Green, Esq., Rev R. Abbey.

ADELAIDE GERON FUND.

H. H. Montgomery, Treasurer, reported that he had collected $48,60 interest on the above fund, and he was instructed by Conference to appropriate it to Mary, the second daughter of the late Rev. P. E. Green.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Presiding Elders were made a committee for the formation of the regular standing committees, by appointing on each committee, one member from each District.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES OF PRESENT SESSION.

It was resolved to defray the expenses of publishing the minutes of the present session, by collecting one half of the necessary amount from the next moneys in the hands of the Joint Board of Finance, and the other half from the Missionary Board.

J. T. Heard, C. G. Andrews, R. Abbey, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

MEMBERS OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Each quarterly Conference shall elect four laymen, to be members of the ensuing District Conference.

Constitution and Officers of the Ministerial Educational Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Ministerial Educational Association of the Mississippi Conference.

ARTICLE 2. Its object shall be to assist in the literary and theological education of young men preparing for the ministry.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, and two additional members, who shall be chosen annually by the Association, and who shall constitute the Board of Managers. The officers shall perform the usual duties of such officers.

ARTICLE 4. The payment of five dollars annually shall constitute any one a member of this Association, and any one executing his note for one hundred dollars, payable in ten annual instalments, without interest, shall be a member for life; said notes not to be collected after the death of the party who gave them.

ARTICLE 5. Applicants for assistance must come recommended by a Quarterly or District Conference, and when each one enters a school or college, he must execute to the Treasurer, or the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Board, his note for one hundred dollars for each year he is assisted to the amount of one hundred dollars or more; and when he enters the Annual Conference as a traveling preacher, he shall be entitled to a credit of one hundred dollars per annum, until the whole amount is liquidated; the notes are not to bear interest. Should he fail to enter the ministry or continue therein, for at least three years, said notes shall be of binding effect and in full force against him, and collectable.

ARTICLE 6. Auxiliary associations may be formed in any Presiding Elder's district, and when any one district shall contribute the amount of two hundred dollars annually, the auxiliary board of such district shall be at liberty to apply the amount so raised to young men within the bounds of said district, in compliance with the rules of the Association. Should there be no applicants in any district, then the funds in such case shall be paid over to the Treasurer of this Board, to be expended where needed, under the direction of the Board.

ARTICLE 7. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Conference meeting, by a majority vote of the members.

THOMAS REED, President.
J. T. HEARD,
JAMES A. GODFREY,
Vice-Presidents.
H. H. MONTGOMERY,
J. P. STEVENS,
Board of Managers.
C. G. ANDREWS, Treasurer.
IRVIN MILLER, Secretary.
JAS. E. JAGERS, Asst. Sec.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

To examine candidates for admission:

W. B. Hines, A. Day, J. Nicholson.

First Year—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, W. B. Lewis, E. R. Strickland.

Second Year—J. G. Jones, W. H. Leith, H. J. Harris.

Third Year—C. Chamberlin, J. A. Ellis, W. E. Ballard.

Fourth Year—J. T. Heard, J. M. Pugh, H. F. Johnson.

Course of Study.

For Admission on Trial.—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons, on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English Education.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible with reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chap. I, secs. 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, chaps. I and II; Wesley's Sermons, vol. I; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV; Preacher's Manual; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its Prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermons, vol. II; Watson's Institutes, Part III; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chaps. II, III, and IV; Manual of Discipline, chaps. III and IV; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference.—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus' Handbook of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Beckersteth on the Spirit of Life; Whately's Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, vol. III; Watson's Institutes, Part II; Coppee's Logic; Rivers' Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chap. V, to the end; Manual of Discipline, chaps. V, VI., and VII; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference.—Young's Christ. of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whately's Logic.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, vol. IV; Watson's Institutes, Part I; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline reviewed; Manual of Discipline, chaps. VIII and IX; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference.—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Rivers' Moral Philosophy; Hopkin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neanders Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

Commentaries.—Clarke's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospels, Stiers' Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE.—The examination will be confined to the course of study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the commentaries to be consulted.

H. N. McTYEIRE,
Secretary of the College of Bishops.

May 25, 1870.

ORPHANS OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND LOUISIANA CONFERENCES.

In accordance with a communication on the above subject, from the New Orleans District Conference, a committee, composed of W. H. Watkins, J. L. Forsyth and C. K. Marshall, was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Louisiana Conference, to devise the best means of providing for the wants of the orphans of both Conferences.

DELEGATES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The following were appointed delegates to the Sunday School Convention to be held in Nashville, in May next, viz.:

W. L. C. Hunnicutt, alternate, H. F. Johnson.
John T. Cameron, " J. E. Watts.
J. T. Heard, " William Spillman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

R. Abbey was elected to fill this position.

BRETHREN OF THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI AND MOBILE CONFERENCES.

Resolved, That we part with our brethren, who have fallen into the North Mississippi Conference, with most sincere regret, and shall ever cherish toward them a most profound Christian regard, as fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard; and that we welcome with cordial hearts those brethren of the Mobile Conference who are now embraced within our bounds.

MISSIONARY DEBT.

The part of the old Missionary debt, assigned to the Conference, viz.: $1450, was secured, and $150 additional—$1600—having been pledged by members and reliable persons, to be forthcoming by the first of April. In addition to this, about $1000 was raised for Missionary purposes generally.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Whitworth Female College—W. Harrington, W. B. Hines, C. G Andrews, Thomas Reed, John McVea.

Sharon Female College—John A. Ellis, J. K. Hamblen, J. A. B. Jones.

Port Gibson Collegiate Academy—C. G. Andrews, W. H. Watkins, J. T. Heard.

NEXT SESSION OF CONFERENCE,

Is to be held at Meridian, Mississippi. Time to be selected by the Bishops.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS

As follows, were adopted unanimously by a rising vote, viz:

Resolved, That our unfeigned thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Crystal Springs and vicinity, for the generous hospitality with which they have entertained the members of the Conference.

That we are glad to receive the courtesy of our sister Churches, Baptist and Presbyterian, in the use of their houses of worship, and that we shall ever be ready to extend to them the same fraternal regard.

That we are grateful to the officers of the Vicksburg and Meridian, the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern, the Mississippi Central and the Mobile and Ohio Railroads, for their liberality in transporting the members of this body to and from this place on generous terms.

APPOINTMENT OF THE PREACHERS.

Woodville District—James L. Forsyth, Presiding elder.
Woodville Station—Corydon Chamberlin.
Wilkinson Circuit—James H. Shelton.
Liberty—Erastus R. Strickland.
Buffalo—Philip S. Petty.
Bayou Sara—Robert D. Norsworthy.
Jackson and Plains—James A. Godfrey.
East Feliciana—William E. Ballard.
Clinton Station—William G. Millsaps.
Baton Rouge—Epaphroditus W. Simmons.
Meadville—Columbus W. Campbell.

Summit District—Joseph Nicholson Presiding Elder.
Summit Circuit—George Bright.
Bogue Chitto—John J. Clark.
Holmesville—John W. Sandell.
St. Helena—John D. Willis.
Greensburg—David P. Bradford.
Arcola—Thomas Price.
Covington—Hiram R. Singleton.
Franklinton—Henry P. Lewis.
Farmington—David A Givens.
Tangipahoa—Seaborn R. Hyde,
John W. Harmon, Agent for South-western Bible Society.

Sea Shore District—Walter W. Hurst, Presiding Elder.
Mt. Carmel Circuit—Newton B. Young
Rankin—John M Liverman.
Columbia Mission—Henry T. Jones.
Gainsville—To be supplied (by John W. Williams.)
Handsboro—William H. Leith.
White Plains Mission—David Merchant.
Enon—James G. Parker.
Pascagoula and Bay Shore—Ulysses B Phillips.
West Pascagoula—To be supplied (by Irvin Roberts.)
Green—To be supplied (by J. M. Winbush.)

Brookhaven District—George F. Thompson, Presiding Elder.
Brookhaven Station—Harvey F. Johnson.
Scotland—Horace M. Booth; John B. Bowen, Sup.
Brandywine—Robert A. Sibley.
Crystal Springs Station—Wm. E. M. Linfield; Jarrott W. McNeil, Sup.
Hazlehurst—Biscom T. Pearson; Leonidas R. Redding, Sup.
Pleasant Valley and Rehoboth—Ephraim A. Flowers.
Burtonton—William Wadsworth.
Georgetown—Robert B. Downer.
Wesson and Beauregard—Edwin H. Mounger.
Martinsville—Franklin W. Sharbrough
Jackson Circuit—Andrew Day.
H. F. Johnson, President Whitworth Female College.

Jackson District—Henderson H. Montgomery, Presiding Elder.
Jackson Station—Charles G. Andrews.
Madison—Andrew B. Stewart.
Canton Station—Whitfield Harrington; James K. Hamblen, Sup.
Sharon—William L. C. Hunnicutt.
Sulphur Springs—To be suplied (by J. S. Collins;) John W. Adams, Sup.
Carthage—James M. Weems.
Camden—John W. Hall.
Yazoo City—Julius T. Curtiss.
Yazoo Circuit—Thomas W. Flowers.
Mt. Olivet—Alexander M. Campbell.
Brownsville—John Lusk.

Raymond—To be supplied (by W. C. Black.)
W. L. C. Hunnicutt, President Sharon Female College.
J. M Pugh, President Madison College.
James W. Lambuth, Missionary to China.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT—John A. B Jones, Presiding Elder.
Vicksburg Station—Joshua T. Heard.
North Warren—Parmenas Howard
South Warren—Francis M. Featherston.
Cayuga—Ira B. Robertson.
Rocky Springs—Archibald B. Nicholson
Port Gibson Station—Charles B. Galloway; John G. Jones, Sup.
Fayette—William B. Lewis.
Natchez Station—William H. Watkins.
Kingston—To be supplied (by T. W. Brown.)
Lower Deer Creek—Henry B. Bowen.
Clover Hill—Peter W. Cram.
Milldale and Cane Ridge—James S. Harris.
Benjamin Jones, President Port Gibson Collegiate Academy.

BRANDON DISTRICT—Francis M. Williams, Presiding Elder.
Brandon Circuit—George W. Chatfield, George Jackson.
Fannin—David W. Dillehay.
Forest—William Finn.
Trenton—Levi P Meador.
Scotland Chapel Circuit—Henry J. Harris.
Sylvarena—Lyman Carlev.
Garlandsville—George W. Boyls.
Decatur Mission—Thomas Y. Armstrong.
Morton—Louis Kendall.
Philadelphia—Jacob H. Holland.
Lake—John A. Vance.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT—William B. Hines, Presiding Elder.
Meridian Station—John A. Ellis.
{Marion—John C. Brogan.
{Toomsuba Mission—To be supplied (by George Bancroft.)
DeKalb—Daniel G. W. Ellis.
Spring Hill—James M Gann.
{Enterprise Station—John D. Hays.
{Enterprise Mission—William Spillman.
Enterprise Circuit—Alexander Trotter.
Clarke—William J. Seale.
Wayne—James Shanks.
Paulding—George M. Gillmore; Ransom J. Jones, Sup.
Richard Abbey, Sunday School Agent and Secretary
W. F. Glenn, transferred to the North Georgia Conference.
J. C. C. Black, transferred to the West Texas Conference.
Robert A. Davis, transferred to the Louisiana Conference.
Josiah Barker, transferred to the Alabama Conference.
A. J. Coleman, transferred to the Alabama Conference.

Memoir of Rev. William Winans Drake.

The Lord has sent upon us a time of deep mourning. He has called from among us his servant, the Rev. William Winans Drake, who died at Greenville, Mississippi, on 27th of September, 1870.

The sad event has brought a bitter grief to his brethren of the Mississippi Conference, and a loss to the church that only the Master can repair. In the narrower circle of his family, and the few special friends who knew his worth, and who saw him in all the phases of his exalted character and noble life, there is a pang of grief and a sense of loss which time and grace can only mitigate, not efface.

He was a worthy son of a distinguished father, the late Dr. B. M. Drake, of the Mississippi Conference, whose life-long labors in the ministry are a rich treasure to Methodism in Mississippi.

Brother Drake was born in Jefferson county, Mississippi, November 12, 1843. As was to be expected of a child brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, at the age of twelve years he gave himself to God, at a camp meeting held at Spring Hill.

He embraced the doctrines and discipline of Methodism with all his heart. He saw in the itinerant ministry the only efficient means of carrying the Gospel to the poor. To this aggressive form of work he devoted himself with unwavering fidelity, actually enduring some of its severest trials. In 1862 he was admitted on trial in the Mississippi Conference, and was sent as junior preacher to Port Gibson and Colored mission. The year 1863 he spent as Chaplain in the army, and 1864 on Adams Colored mission. In 1865 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine, and began that course of labors in Greenville district which ended with his life. He went to Lake Lee and Leota, where he spent a year of incessant toil, and laid the foundation of that personal influence and usefulness that became so remarkable throughout the district. His work for 1866 was Greenville and Lake Lee. The year following he was made elder by Bishop Paine, and put in charge of Greenville district and station, and was the only traveling preacher on the district. He had the same charge the next year. At the last session of his Conference he was left in charge of the district only. The first year of his stay in that region he had chills, but had had no serious attack since, until the spring of 1870. The malady increased in severity and persistency, so much so as to cause anxiety, and finally alarm to his friends, though he himself did not fear. He was urged to leave the malarious district until the sickly season should pass; but misfortune had left Greenville without its appointed pastor, and Brother Drake, as the only minister at hand, insisted that he must stay with his people. His brother, Perry, writes to me: "He was taken with a chill on Friday night, the 23d of September; was out attending his duties all day Saturday; had another chill that night, and again on Sunday morning. In a few hours congestion of the kidneys set in, and after that he was scarcely conscious at all."

We need not the dying words of the man of God to assure us of his safety; but even the unconscious utterances of the soul will tell how its conscious hours have been spent. Our brother, in his delirium, "spoke much of his work;" and once, when the cup of medicine was presented, asked: "Is it the sacramental cup? I'll take it." When it was known that the fatal disease had seized him, the stricken people crowded about the door of the parsonage to inquire of his condition and to offer sympathy and help. It was like children wrung with agony for a dying father.

When that name is called at your next session, brethren, the awful silence of death will be the answer. Sorrow will fill your hearts; the lovely image will pass before you, but he will not be there to report and counsel and enjoy your communion, and to make you glad. Yet, thank God, he will be with you. O let us imitate his example, his faith, his devotion, that we may wear the crown with him!

W. T. J. SULLIVAN.